

EDITORIAL

This number of *The Coleopterists Bulletin* has more than the usual amount of blank space. Herewith, some comments on this topic.

Several factors combine to control structure of the *Bulletin*. Total pagination of each number, including covers, is in multiples of eight; this is one reason why some articles are delayed—they do not fit. We offer separates, rather than reprints, and these cannot be offered free of extraneous matter; two problems arise here. First, all articles of two or more printed pages begin at the top of a right-hand page—not directly at the end of the previous article. Hence, filler material may be needed to complete pagination of an article, in multiples of two printed pages. If possible, I will squeeze an article down to this limit, but only in instances of overflow by a few lines. Second, orders for separates control what can be used as back-up. The normal printing run allows for 200 extra copies of the entire journal for separates; 300 extra copies will be ordered only if there is sufficient demand; authors who request 300 separates will have their papers held until a sufficient number of such requests justifies the extra printing expense—this is another reason why some manuscripts are delayed. If a short article is used as filler for a longer article, the *combined* request for separates cannot exceed the printing run—this normally places a limit of 100 separates for each article.

This issue includes four papers with requests for 300 separates. None can be backed by other papers; two are three-page articles, and these must therefore be backed with filler material, such as this editorial.

Some numbers are filled largely with articles that require little filler. I sometimes, therefore, have an excess of filler material. This number is at the opposite extreme, and filler material is not available.

I therefore urge you to read and respond to the following notice, by T. L. Erwin.

—D. R. Whitehead

COLEOPTERISTS NEWSLETTER—
NEW FORMAT, NEW EDITOR

Henceforth, at least for awhile, the kinds of news items submitted for the *Coleopterists Newsletter* will be handled and published as *Bulletin* filler notes. Nine categories will be used: Society News; Beetle Collections; Natural History Notes; Taxonomic Notes; Biogeographic Notes; Collecting Notes; Techniques; Literature Notices and Reviews; Notices of Meetings. Manuscripts should be of two typed pages or less, double-spaced, and sent to Terry L. Erwin, Department of Entomology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. 20560, Mail Stop 169. There will be no page charges, and no separates will be available.

—T. L. Erwin

